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C O N F I D E N T I A L LOME 1198

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, TO
SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF POLITICAL DISSIDENTS CONTINUES:
ARRESTS AND RELEASES

REF: (A) LOME 1093, (B) LOME 1073,

1. GOT CONTINUES TO INVESTIGATE SUSPECTED POLITICAL OPPONENTS OF REGIME FOLLOWING ARREST AT LOME AIRPORT APRIL 18 OF A STUDENT SMUGGLING POLITICAL TRACTS. THE APPARENT LEADER OF THE TRACT DISSEMINATION OPERATION IS ASSIONGBOE KUEVIAKO, A PROFESSOR AT THE UNIVERSITY AND DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY STATISTICS BUREAU. THE TOTAL NUMBER ARRESTED PROBABLY NUMBERS OVER 20 STUDENTS, PROFESSORS AND CIVIL SERVANTS. ARRESTS ARE CONTINUING, BUT STARTING MAY 4 AT LEAST SIX PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN CAUGHT UP BY THE POLICE OPERATION WERE RELEASED, INCLUDING THE HEADMASTER OF THE LYCEE AT ANECHO.
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2. IN UNIVERSITY CIRCLES, THE STORY IS CIRCULATING THAT THE GOT'S INFORMANT IS THE NEWLY NAMED DIRECTOR OF CABINET AT THE PRESIDENCY, FAMBARE OUATTARA. MANY OF THE ARRESTEES ARE FORMER ACQUAINTANCES OF OUATTARA'S DURING HIS STUDENT DAYS IN FRANCE AND SOME ARE FELLOW GRADUATES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF POITIERS. OUATTARA, WHO RETURNED TO

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TOGO ONLY LAST YEAR, IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN ANTI-
EYADEMA STUDENT POLITICS WHILE IN FRANCE BUT NOW STRONGLY
SUPPORTS THE GOT.

3. WHILE GOT IS REPORTEDLY SOMEWHAT CONCERNED OVER ALLEGED
MARXIST ORIENTATION OF ARRESTEES AND EYADEMA IS SAID TO

HAVE LECTURED THEM ON PERILS OF ASSOCIATING WITH FRENCH
MARXIST INTELLECTUALS, EMBASSY RELIABLY INFORMED THAT
SECURITY OFFICIALS BELIEVE GROUP REPRESENTS LITTLE THREAT
AND DETAINEES LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO BE RELEASED AFTER
INTERROGATION.
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